

MINUTES OF

# The Lebanon Baptist Association



TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

*IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH*

*SEPTEMBER 12-13, 1916*

**NEXT MEETING**

7:30 O'Clock p. m., Tuesday after the second Sunday in  
September, 1917, at Sumrall, Miss.

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# LEBANON ASSOCIATION

Date	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Mem <sup>b</sup> ship	Total
					Contri tion
November 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1131	8
September 1895	Poplarville	"	"	1183	5.8
September 1896	Ellisville	"	"	1556	3.1
December 1897	Purvis	"	"	1421	5.3
September 1898	Shady Grove	"	"	1624	6.3
September 1899	Eastabuchie	"	"	1746	7.0
August 1900	Hattiesburg	"	"	1841	10.6
August 1901	Lumberton	"	"	1909	18.4
September 1902	Laurel	"	"	2575	28.8
September 1903	McHenry	"	B. C. Fox	2761	17.1
November 1904	Ellisville	"	W. K. Red	3241	28.8
November 1905	Hattiesburg				
	Columbia St.	I. P. Trotter	"	3507	22.2
November 1906	Wiggins	"	"	3803	31.4
November 1907	Poplarville	"	A. L. O'Bryant	4150	33.9
October 1908	Hattiesburg	"	"	4638	31.6
	Immanuel	"	"	4357	39.6
October 1909	Laurel W End	"	"	4845	41.8
October 1910	Hattiesburg	"	"	4902	42.6
	First	"	"	5229	51.1
October 1911	Sumrall	"	"	5549	52.9
October 1912	Big Level	"	"	5647	58.3
October 1913	Laurel, Kings.	M. P. L. Love	"	6015	42.8
October 1914	Bond	"	"		
October 1915	Ellisville	"	L. E. Lightsey		
	Hattiesburg	"	E.G.Hightow'r	4242	44.5
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Membr'ship	Total Contribu- tions.
31	\$
83	5,875.15
56	3,112.78
21	5,380.15
24	6,345.89
46	7,085.74
41	10,689.95
09	18,473.82
75	28,853.31
61	17,112.90
41	28,870.32
07	22,237.17
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TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
**Lebanon Baptist Association**

**Immanuel Baptist Church**  
Hattiesburg, Miss., September 12-13, 1916.

**OFFICERS**

M. P. L. Love, Moderator	-----	Hattiesburg, Miss.
E. G. Hightower, Clerk	-----	Hattiesburg, Miss.
A. Polk, Treasurer,	-----	Hattiesburg, Miss.

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At Sumrall, Miss., 7:30 p. m., on the Tuesday after the second  
Sunday in September, 1917.



## IN MEMORIUM

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Brother Jesse Breland - - - - -	Wiggins, Miss.
Sister T. T. Basnet - - - - -	Bond, Miss.
Brother S. J. Lester - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sister F. H. Hartzog - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother Virgil Rarden - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother J. A. Grubbs - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sister J. D. Bennett - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sister R. L. Crisco - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother Ben M. Foster - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother Richard Montague - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother T. E. Crow - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sister L. L. Caldwell - - - - -	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brother A. J. Thornton - - - - -	Petal, Miss.
Brother Thomas Cox - - - - -	Purvis, Miss.
Sister Allen Brunsen - - - - -	Purvis, Miss.
Sister Mary Jane Fairley - - - - -	Vestry, Miss.
Sister Amanda Eaton - - - - -	Sumrall, Miss.
Brother Renfro - - - - -	Sumrall, Miss.
Sister Stringer - - - - -	Sumrall, Miss.

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## ORDAINED MINISTERS

R. W. Thurman, -----	Bond, Miss.
J. A. Johnston, -----	Bond, Miss.
R. G. Joiner, -----	Eastabuchie, Miss.
J. T. Christian, -----	Hattiesburg, Miss.
E. G. Hightower, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
T. J. Moore, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
E. E. Dudley, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
W. E. Fail, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
J. N. McMillin, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
E. S. P'Pool, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
R. W. Bryant, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
J. M. Sammons, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
T. W. Green, -----	Hattisburg, Miss.
J. A. Lee, -----	Lumberton, Miss.
E. W. Spencer, -----	Jackson, Miss.
R. N. Davis, -----	Perkinston, Miss.
O. N. Herrington, -----	Wiggins, Miss.
H. Bruce, -----	Harvey, Miss.
J. W. Day, -----	Wiggins, Miss.
T. S. Entrekin, -----	Purvis, Miss.
James Lee, -----	Purvis, Miss.
R. A. Hunt, -----	Wiggins, Miss.
T. J. O'Guynn, -----	Purvis, Miss.
N. B. Bond, -----	Wiggins, Miss.
C. M. Grayson, -----	Magee, Miss.
C. M. Morris, -----	Sumrall, Miss.
R. C. Murray, -----	Sumrall, Miss.
B. E. Massey, (Licensed) -----	Clinton, Miss.

## CONSTITUTION.

**Article 1.** The name of this Association shall be the Lebanon Baptist Association.

**Art. 2.** The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

**Art. 3.** The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

**Art. 4.** Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

**Art. 5.** Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its members shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

**Art. 6.** This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

**Art. 7.** No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

**Art. 8.** The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer.

**Art. 9.** The duties of the various officers at the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of decision of order.

**Art. 10.** The Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

**Art. 11.** This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy



Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking to each other; and one failing to observe this rule shall subject himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

## FIRST DAY---MORNING SESSION

Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., Sept. 12, 1916.

At eleven o'clock a. m., M. P. L. Love called to order the 22nd session of the Lebanon Baptist Association. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung, and W. E. Fail conducted the devotional exercise.

Formal organization resulted in the re-election of M. P. L. Love as Moderator, A. Polk as Treasurer, and the election of E. G. Hightower as Clerk.

The Moderator appointed as a committee on Digest of Letters, T. J. Moore, L. M. Lee and John Davis.

The following churches and messengers reported:

Baxterville—C. W. Hartfield.

Big Level—R. W. Hatten.

Bond—S. C. Culpepper; J. R. Davis.

Brooklyn—D. A. Hogan.

Eastabuchie—C. M. Brown, R. G. Joiner, Mrs. R. B. Gunn.

Hattiesburg, First—J. T. Christian, E. G. Hightower, J. E. Arledge, W. J. Bass, A. Polk, T. J. Moore, D. G. McGilvray, S. E. Travis, Mrs. A. Polk, Mrs. R. B. Stapleton, Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Mrs. W. B. Glover, Mrs. J. W. Champlin, Mrs. A. L. Jones, Miss Amelia Thompson.

Hattiesburg, Main Street—E. E. Dudley, M. P. L. Love, A. A. Montague, T. S. Jackson, N. R. McCullough, J. E. Gray, T. B. Wright,

S. S. Turner, W. E. Fail, Mrs. W. M. Hemeter, Mrs. Thames, Mrs. W. W. Crawford.

Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue—J. N. McMillin, J. D. Caperton, T. B. Geiger, Mrs. J. S. Ellis, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Miss Virginia Caperton, Miss Verna Oden.

Hattiesburg, Immanuel—T. W. Green, W. R. Eure, J. L. Johnson, Claude Bennett, R. W. Bryant, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. R. D. Batson, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. T. W. Green, Mrs. E. S. P'Pool.

Helena—S. B. Randall.

Lucedale—W. J. Hurst.

Lumberton—L. M. Lee, Mrs. Strumball.

Perkinston—R. N. Davis.

Petal—D. W. Draughn, Jno. M. Myrick, H. Bruce.

Purvis—C. E. Purvis.

Red Creek Union—Letter only.

Red Hill—B. F. Garraway, J. E. Pierce.

Richburg—D. R. McRaney.

Sumrall—C. M. Morris, W. I. Hogan, Mrs. B. M. Mayers, Miss Mayers.

Wiggins—O. N. Herrington, J. W. Day, L. A. Varnado, Mrs. L. A. Varnado, Mrs. O. N. Herrington, Mrs. Strovell, Mrs. Will Davis.

Zion Hill—W. J. Pack, Jno. W. Evans, R. F. Blakeney.

On the motion of T. W. Green, a Finance, or Auditing Committee was appointed, consisting of Jno. L. Davis, J. D. Caperton, R. W. Thurman.

The Association took pleasure in recognizing two visitors, L. E. Lightsey, who spoke a few words on the new Jones County Association, recently carved out of the Lebanon Association, and W. E. Farr.

The committee appointed on Order of Business were, Jno. L. Johnson, E. E. Dudley and S. C. Culpepper.

A motion to have the report on Baptist Hospitals read at this session having been carried, T. J. Moore presented it, and after motion for adoption led in an interesting discussion, followed by W. E. Farr and N. R. McCullough. The question being put, the report was unanimously adopted.

### REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITALS.

There are three divisions of work that engaged the time and energy of our Lord during his earthly ministry: teaching, preaching and healing. There are three elements that make up the human being: mind, soul and body. Jesus is concerned for the entire man and His ministry was an effort to bring the entire man in each of his elements to the attainment of his highest possibilities. The mind needs instruction. So Jesus was a teacher. The soul needs stirring into activity. So Jesus was a preacher. The body needs health. So Jesus was a healer. Many times is it



asserted of Him that he taught and preached and healed. To neglect either division of this work is to fail to fulfill all that is included in the commission.

Through our pulpits, mission movements and Sunday schools we, as a denomination, have given great emphasis and achieved much along the lines of preaching and teaching, but until recent years but little was done in the way of any organized effort to obey the command to "heal the sick." We have lain idle on this point and allowed our Roman Catholic neighbors to gain a great advantage over us in their line of work. If you were to remove from that denomination in this country what they have gained through their hospitals and Sisters of Charity there would be but little left.

But at last Baptist people are awakening to a realization of the importance of putting into execution this part of our Lord's program.

About a dozen years ago Mission Baptists led out by building and equipping a magnificent hospital in the city of St. Louis. Several other Southern States have followed suit.

Some seven or eight years ago the project of a tri-state hospital to be built and operated jointly by Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas Baptists was launched, and resulted in the accomplishment of the work. And now we have in Memphis, Tenn., one of the very best equipped and most popular hospitals to be found anywhere. This was Mississippi Baptists' first experience in this line of work, and right proud should we be of the part we have taken in it.

Soon after engaging with our sister states in this work some physicians of Jackson, Miss., made the Baptists of our state an offer of a valuable bit of property in their city for hospital purposes. It was accepted and a small Baptist hospital was opened in Jackson. It grew in popularity until the Baptists in their State Convention resolved to add fifty thousand dollars for building and equipment. This was speedily accomplished by a campaign principally led by Rev. Bryan Simmons for cash and subscriptions running through a period of five years.

The building and equipment is excellent, indeed, and should excite the pride of every Baptist in the State. The patronage is all that we could ask. The service rendered is of the very highest grade. There is just one thing in connection with the movement that brings a blush to our faces. The larger part of the money for the building and equipment was borrowed on the faith the Trustees had in the honest and prompt payment of notes they held on the Baptists here and there throughout the State. And now the delayed payment of hundreds and hundreds of these has placed the Trustees of the Hospital in a very embarrassing condition. Those against whom notes are held ought immediately to bestir themselves to make payment.

Rev. R. L. Gillon has recently become the superintendent of the hospital. Let us all give him a warm welcome into this important position and aid him in every way possible in the work. In every case possible let us in the event hospital service is needed, patronize our own Baptist Hospital in Jackson or our

Tri-State Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and also commend it to others.

**T. J. Moore, Chairman Com.**  
**W. I. Hogan, Sumrall,**  
**Claude Bennett.**

After a report of the Committee on Order of Business announcements were made, and on motion the Association adjourned until 1:45 o'clock p. m.

## **TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

At 1:45 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order, and John T. Christian, reading from I Peter I, led the devotional period.

### **REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.**

The report was introduced by C. M. Morris, and discussed by the following: C. M. Morris, E. G. Hightower, W. J. Pack and M. P. L. Love, and unanimously adopted.

Your committee on B. Y. P. U. begs leave to submit the following report:

The work of the B. Y. P. U., if properly carried on, is one of the most essential and vital in all the life of our churches.

This is the day of efficiency test and the individual instrument, organization or institution, that does not produce the proper results is discarded or abandoned.

In the B. Y. P. U. our young people are being trained in service for better and more efficient service in a wider field in the coming days.

Moreover, our young people are being taught, and indoctrinated to be more intelligent workers as well as more efficient. Therefore, we urge that this work be earnestly and religiously prosecuted in all our churches.

Respectfully,

**C. E. Purvis**  
**C. M. Morris**  
**D. A. Hogan**

### **REPORT ON LAYMAN'S WORK.**

The report was presented by R. W. Bryant and upon motion to adopt was discussed by R. W. Bryant, S. C. Culpepper, T. J. Moore, W. J. Hurst and John L. Davis. The question being put resulted in adoption of the report, as follows:

Perhaps the greatest single need of the Kingdom today is the enlistment and concentration of Christian manhood. So long as it pleases God to use human agency for the furtherance of the

Gospel, we can hardly hope to see the Kingdom come in power until we shall have a host of men who have visions to project, wisdom to plan, money to finance and lives to consecrate to the cause of Christ. The gospel enterprise is a huge scheme and calls for the sturdiness of manhood, reinforced by Divine piety, more intelligence, wiser planning, greater activity, and more generous and systematic giving among Christian men. Recently the movement has also been stressing personal effort by men in soul-winning.

Your committee thinks something has been accomplished during the nine years of the existence of the Layman's Missionary Movement. The movement has sought to be and is, in Mississippi, loyal to every enterprise and agency of our denomination and especially to magnify the work of the pastor and local church.

The Laymen conducted a very enthusiastic convention in Meridian in February of last year. This was a meeting of much power and interest.

The meeting in Jackson the year before was very helpful. The number of tithers was increased from 135 to 275 and at Meridian this number was more than doubled.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. Bryant

S. E. Travis

W. J. Hurst.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The report on Publications was read by John L. Johnson, and upon motion to adopt, discussed by him, O. N. Herrington, L. E. Lightsey, T. J. Moore, and J. T. Christian. Adopted as follows:

Our publications are comprised under two heads. First, those published by the Boards of the S. B. C. These are the Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal and B. Y. P. U. literature of the Sunday School Board, and the other periodicals and books published by these Boards. Secondly, the books and tracts sent out by our own State Board, the Orphanage Gem, the Baptist Record, our own official paper, the catalogues and other publications of our denominational schools.

The literature which a nation reads is not necessarily a reflection of national traits but it is without doubt one of the chief factors in the formation of national ideals. For fifty years the German nation has been taught from kindergarten to university and scientific society that the physical power of the State is the supreme court of the world and as a result the German nation is now holding a world at bay. If we can permeate our people thoroughly with principles which God has placed in His inspired word we will soon drive the heathen world to its stand. Every publication which has such an ideal ought to be used and encouraged. Moreover, it would be absolutely useless to try to carry on our work without our recognized denominational papers. We recommend that all of our religious periodicals be supported and dis-



tributed and especially that a wide circulation be given to the Baptist Record.

John L. Johnson,  
J. N. McMillin,  
C. W. Hartfield.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION..

E. E. Dudley read the report, and after motion to adopt led in a discussion, followed by T. J. Moore, who also discussed the question of Aged Minister's Relief. Adopted, as follows:

The Board of Ministerial Education was the first appointed by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention. Our Baptist forefathers felt keenly the need of an educated ministry and sought to provide for it.

Almost all of our denominational colleges originated with the idea that Baptists must have an educated ministry. Most of the money raised for these Baptist colleges was raised from our Baptist hosts by appeals for an educated ministry.

The object of this board is to raise funds with which to aid needy young men in procuring an education at Mississippi College, and Clark Memorial College in our state, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex. In these four institutions there are more than 500 men preparing for the ministry, and many women studying for special work. More than 100 of these are Mississippians. Many of our leading pulpits are filled by men who were given aid by the Board of Ministerial Education both in college and seminary.

It is questionable whether we can make a greater investment than by contributing to this board. If this be true then does not the report made to the last state convention present a sad fact, when it tells us that many worthy young men have to be turned away for back funds?

Shall not pastors and churches become more deeply interested in this vital work and see that sufficient money is given for the education of our worthy ministers?

E. E. Dudley,  
T. B. Geiger,  
C. E. Purvis.

On motion of John T. Christian, chairman of the Associational Executive Committee, the action of the Executive Committee in granting letters of dismission to the following churches to join the Jones County Association, which action was authorized by the preceeding Association, was confirmed: Laurel, First Church; Laurel, Kingston; Laurel, West End; Laurel, Wausau; Moselle; Sandersville; Ellisville; Heidelberg; Tucker's Crossing; Corinth; Centerville; Shady Grove; and Fairfield.

The Committee on Order of Business was heard and its report adopted.

The Association was pleased to recognize as a visitor, W. A. Terry, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church.

E. E. Dudley offered a motion, which was carried, that the matter of several small debts of the Association be later taken up formally under the head of Associational Missions.

John T. Christian introduced a motion, which received a unanimous affirmative, that no titles be attached to names of individuals in the meetings of the Association or in the Minutes, and that a list of the Association's ordained ministers be printed in the Minutes.

After announcements the Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

## TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Moderator having called the Association to order, after a song service J. N. McMillin led in prayer. In appropriate words the Moderator presented E. E. Dudley, pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, who led in prayer, read from Romans, VIII., and asked for a season of silent prayer. He then announced as text Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to His purpose," and preached the Associational Sermon, a most able exposition of the passage chosen. T. J. Moore led in prayer, and the congregation sang, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

The report was read by O. N. Herrington, and a motion was offered for its adoption. O. N. Herrington opened the discussion and after a few words extended a special invitation, seconded by the Moderator, to W. E. Farr to speak. Cards were distributed and subscriptions and cash offerings were received for the Mississippi Woman's College to the amount of \$34.60. After prayer by W. E. Farr, the report was voted on and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Denominational Education, beg leave to make the following report:

#### Mississippi College.

It is one of the great joys of our lives as Baptist people to recognize the fact that Mississippi College for over 67 years has been sending out its sons, until today they are found the world over filling prominent positions in every walk of life. It is said that the sun never goes down on the students that have gone out from Mississippi College. There were last year over 450 enrolled in this great institution. With their new equipment and their large endowment this institution is just beginning to do yet larger things for God and righteousness in the Kingdom.

#### Clarke Memorial.

Three years ago when our State Convention met at Columbia our denomination took over Clarke Memorial College. We are gratified to recognize the fact that this institution is doing a good work. There were last year over 100 boys and girls enrolled at this institution. Rev. Bryan Simmons, its new president, has taken

hold of it with great interest and spirit, to make Clarke Memorial College a still larger institution.

### **Mississippi Woman's College.**

When our convention met in Gulfport some four years ago this institution became the property of the Baptists of Mississippi. There were enrolled that year 35 girls. The last session closed with 270 enrolled. About fifteen months ago our new administration building was finished, which is one of the best in the State of Mississippi. This institution is the pride of every Baptist in Mississippi. It is a delight to our hearts to see the wonderful work that is being done; so ably carried forward, largely through the efforts of our great President, Dr. John L. Johnson. We are gratified also to make note of the fact that Professor Claude Bennett is now the Vice President of the Woman's College and is considered not only one of our liveliest and most energetic teachers in the state, but one of the most efficient. We further note with pleasure that there were last year in this institution seventeen young women who studied to be missionaries. The prospects for the opening on the 20th are very flattering.

Let's do three things for our Christian colleges.

First, let's pray for them.

Second, let's send our sons and daughters to them.

Third, let's give our money to their support.

Respectfully submitted,

O. N. Herrington,

D. G. McGilvray,

B. F. Garroway.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

**Nominations:**—John T. Christian, L. M. Lee, John L. Johnson, S. C. Culpepper, C. M. Morris.

**Resolutions:**—W. J. Hurst, C. E. Purvis, R. W. Thurman.

W. O. Carter, of Clark county and recently a student of the Seminary at Ft. Worth, Tex., was recognized by the Association as a visitor.

The Association adjourned until 8:45 o'clock Wednesday morning, and W. E. Farr led in the closing prayer.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**

The session opened with a song, "Come, Thou Fount," and a period of devotional exercises led by R. W. Thurman, who read from John, 15.

### **REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.**

S. C. Culpepper presented the report, and upon motion to adopt led in an interesting discussion, followed by A. Polk who expressed the regrets of J. L. Carter at being unable to attend the Associa-

tion; L. M. Lee, and John W. Evans. A cash subscription was taken, amounting to \$11.15, and the report unanimously adopted as read.

We your committee on the Baptist Orphanage, feel that there is no cause nearer the heart of our Lord or work more acceptable unto Him than caring for the helpless orphan child. By many words and deeds did He manifest His interest in the children. He gave it as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion to care for the widow and orphan in their affliction. There are many ways in which we as Christian people can carry out the will of our Master in this regard.

The plan of the work decided upon was the establishment of a home for the orphan children which has now been in operation for nineteen years. From a small beginning in a rented home, we have grown until now we have house room for 225 children with a property in houses and lands of more than one hundred thousand dollars.

We have cared for in the nineteen years about 800 children, many of whom have gone out from the home and are filling useful positions in the world.

Our home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. We have no endowment except the love and loyalty of our people. Our children in our Orphanage are under the influence of Christian people and are being trained in morals and religion and are sent to school eight months out of each year.

While our children are being trained in all manner of work they are also contributing largely to their own support so that the expense of caring for each child, including matron's hire and schooling, is only about \$5 or \$6 per month. We feel that this is a laudable and worthy work for Christian people, and urge our churches and Sunday schools of this Association to contribute liberally to our orphanage. We heartily recommend the plan of once a month giving for our Sunday schools and a liberal Thanksgiving offering for all of our churches. Give each member of the Sunday school and each member of the church an opportunity to give at these stated occasions, and our orphanage will be comfortably provided for.

We are glad to report good health among our children during the year, no deaths and not a serious case of sickness. We have not a case of pellagra in the institution and our Management feels that they have learned how to manage the incoming cases.

We would further recommend that in addition to cash contributions, that our churches and Sunday schools send boxes of clothing, good second-hand clothing acceptable, groceries of all kinds, syrup, shoes, hose (mostly large ones) and any other things that can be used in providing for the children. We would also recommend that our pastors and the people of the several communities exercise great care in sending children to the home and send only those who cannot be cared for in any other way, and pray for the success of the home and of the children.

S. C. Culpepper,  
C. W. Hartfield,  
J. W. Evans.

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## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission report was read by E. E. Dudley, who introduced T. J. Moore, enlistment secretary, and L. E. Lightsey, district missionary, these brethren leading in a splendid discussion. T. J. Moore afterwards led in a five-minutes' round table discussion. C. M. Morris followed with a short discussion, and the motion to adopt the report was carried.

Miss Lackey, in her most helpful catechism, has well said that State Missions is an effort to bring all the Baptists in the State together for the conquest of the State, and an effort to lead all the Baptists of the State out beyond for the conquest of the world.

It has been truthfully said that a people who neglect their own weak fields are not fit to be trusted with a Foreign Mission. "If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love our brother whom we have not seen." Yes, we should begin at Jerusalem and go to the uttermost part of the earth, ever bearing in mind that the stakes at home must be strengthened from time to time. Dr. Yates recognized this fundamental when he said, "The hope of the heathen unto God depends upon well organized and well trained churches at home."

As we view the history of our State Mission work in Mississippi we observe that there has been a rapid growth not only in the mission work of our state, but throughout the world. In 1900 Mississippi Baptists gave to all missions only \$17,593.53. Last year she gave \$100,000.

Our State Mission Secretary has rightly emphasized the fact that a strong State Mission policy is responsible for this growth.

139 of the prominent churches of our State have been aided by the State Mission Board, and more than 300 country and village churches have been helped. In other words, the Baptist strength of Mississippi, whether manifesting itself in schools, hospitals, orphanages, ministerial education or in missions in general, is due to this Board. Notice what we are doing this year specifically, through the State Mission Board. We are assisting 215 churches to pay their pastors and assisting in the building of 33 houses of worship. Up to a few months ago we had three enlistment secretaries in the field.

We have two Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. men and two missionary colporters for all their time. But there are hundreds of other weak churches that need help and many school houses at which we ought to arrange to have preaching. Besides this there ought to be a missionary colporter in every association throughout the State, selling and giving away Bibles and good books and distributing freely good tracts.

With some the question of office and other expenses connected with the raising of sufficient funds is being constantly asked. In answer to this, it is a great joy to note the fact that we have the least of any State. The \$100,000.00 raised last year cost only five per cent.

In concluding this report I wish to call attention to the fact that we have a great task before us. There are 1,400,000 in our

State who make no claim or pretention to religion. Does this not appeal to us as a challenge as well as an opportunity?

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. Dudley

T. J. Moore,

D. R. McRaney.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

E. E. Dudley succeeded in passing a motion that the order of business be changed so as to have the Report on Foreign Missions at this period. John T. Christian made the presentation, led in an able discussion, followed by R. W. Thurman, and E. E. Dudley. The motion to adopt was unanimously carried.

All missionary work is one. There is one Gospel for all men, and the same churches which look after local needs and destitution must furnish the men and money for world evangelism. For convenience we have divided the whole into parts. One of the most important departments is denominated Foreign Missions, because it has to do with the preaching of the Gospel in other lands than our own.

Under all the conditions which have confronted us foreign mission work has made satisfactory advancement. On account of the world war the mission work has been much hampered. This is notably true on account of the chaotic conditions which prevail in Mexico, where our missionaries have been practically withdrawn. Italy, likewise, is in the throes of the great struggle. Nevertheless the God of Missions is the God of battles, and the Divine hand is directing the agencies and energies of the world.

It would appear, as far as any one is able to foresee any world movement, that the termination of the world war will give an unparalleled and unprecedented opportunity to preach the gospel to all nations. This door of opportunity will be opened to the American churches as to no other nation of earth.

It will therefore become us not only to hold on to and foster the work already in hand, but so to mobilize our forces that upon the first declaration of peace that we may be able and willing without delay to accept an opportunity never before known to Baptists.

It is with grateful hearts we have noted that the Foreign Mission Board has paid the debt that has been accumulating for years. We would suggest that it is now necessary that all of our churches shall engage in heroic giving so that there may be no recurrence of the debt and that foreign missions may maintain and ever surpass the measure of efficiency already attained.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Christian,

R. W. Thurman,

N. R. McCullough.

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## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

L. E. Lightsey, former Associational Missionary, offered the report, and led in the discussion, followed by E. E. Dudley, O. N. Herrington, and W. J. Hurst. The Association unanimously adopted the report.

Your Associational Missionary, being employed by the Association, in session at Ellisville, for another year, began active work at once, and continued until December 31, 1915, when by the consent of our executive committee, he discontinued the work under the direction of our Association, to take up work under the direction of the State Board.

During the two months in the Associational work your missionary traveled over five hundred miles, put in 55 days actual labor, preached 41 sermons, visited 19 churches, visited 193 homes, and sold 566 books. Seven souls were led to surrender to Christ and quite a number were enlisted to do better service for our master. Seven new subscribers to the Baptist Record were received, while twenty-five were caused to renew their subscription to the Record.

Value of books sold-----	\$193.10
Profit on books sold-----	50.60
Profit on subscriptions-----	3.50
Profit on renewals-----	11.25
Total for books sold and other sources-----	91.00
Salary per month-----	83.33 1-3
Salary for two months-----	166.66 2-3
Collected on field-----	91.00
Received from churches since the minutes of last year was printed:—	
Wiggins Church, per W. M. U-----	5.00
Zion Hill Church-----	2.25
Ellisville Church, per J. L. Low-----	10.00
Perkinson Church-----	10.00
Laurel, 2nd Church-----	4.00
Laurel, 2nd Church, per W. M. U-----	1.00
Total amount received-----	32.25
Amount collected on field-----	91.00
Total amount collected-----	\$123.25
Amount of salary for two months-----	166.66 2-3
Total collected-----	123.25
Due your missionary two months service-----	43.41
Due on Last Year's work-----	79.41
Total amount due your missionary now--	\$122.82

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Lightsey.

Following the provisions of a motion carried during the previous afternoon's session to take subscriptions to cover several debts, the Association received the following subscriptions, and upon a motion instructed L. E. Lightsey to go before the churches of the Jones County Association for approximately two-fifths of the balance due him as Associational Missionary.

Big Level	2.50
Bond	5.00
Brooklyn	5.00
Hattiesburg, 1st	22.00
Hattiesburg, Main Street	22.50
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	5.00
Hattiesburg, Immanuel	6.00
Helena	1.00
Lucedale	5.00
Lumberton	5.00
Petal	5.00
Perkinston	2.00 Paid
Red Hill	1.00 Paid
Sumrall	10.00
Wiggins	6.00 Paid
Zion Hill	3.50
Red Creek Union	2.50
W. M. U., Immanuel, Hattiesburg	5.00
Eastabuchie	3.00
E. E. Dudley	.50 Paid
R. W. Thurman	.50 Paid
Purvis	5.00

#### RESOLUTIONS ON HOME MISSIONS.

On account of the failure of the chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, J. A. Lee, of Lumberton, who was expected at the last moment, to arrive, the regular report was not made. The Association, however, adopted the following resolutions, which were read by John T. Christian, and discussed by T. J. Moore and E. E. Dudley.

Resolved: That we are not unmindful of the paramount value of Home Missions. We commend most warmly the work of the Home Board, and urge upon all of our churches that systematic offerings be taken for Home Missions. We would likewise request the pastors to preach on Home Missions as frequently as advisable.

John T. Christian,  
J. E. Arledge,  
J. R. Davis.

A motion was made by E. E. Dudley which unanimously passed, that the chairmen of committees reporting at this Association be permitted to make necessary amendments to their reports and later hand same to the clerk.

E. F. Garroway, messenger from Red Hill Church, was recognized by the Moderator and made an appeal to the Association for funds with which to repair the storm-damaged church which he represented. It was one of the most touching moments of the Association. The messengers present responded by contributing \$12.75.

C. M. Morris offered a motion that the Association request T. J. Moore and L. E. Lightsey to visit the Red Hill Church and lend their encouragement, and that the Executive Board of the Association be instructed to request aid for this church of the State Mission Board. M. P. L. Love offered an amendment that all the churches of the Association within the storm district be included in the motion. The motion was carried as amended.



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:45 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order, a song was sung, and T. J. Moore led the devotions. R. G. Joiner offered prayer, and M. P. L. Love led in a short and interesting testimony meeting.

By unanimous consent of the house E. E. Dudley offered a motion that "A Program for Mississippi Baptists," submitted to the Association by J. B. Lawrence, State Mission Secretary, for adoption, be referred to a committee, said committee to go into conference and later in the afternoon make recommendations to the Association. The motion passed, and the Moderator appointed as a committee, E. E. Dudley, John L. Johnson and T. W. Green.

### RESOLUTIONS ON TEMPERANCE.

R. N. Davis read the resolutions and upon motion to adopt led in a discussion. Several speakers made earnest pleas in behalf of the great cause of temperance; M. P. L. Love, H. Bruce, J. W. Day and T. J. Moore. The motion to adopt was carried.

**RESOLVED,** That we do our utmost in striving to suppress the most awful enemy, the drink habit. It is ruinous to humanity. It kills man, destroys his mind, and his morality. It destroys the forces of law, and undermines civilization. It is an enemy that we ought constantly to fight with all the strength we possess, in order that we might conserve the forces of mind and morality and save our people from the horrible degradation that it inevitably brings. We recommend that prayers be offered constantly in the behalf of temperance, and that the fight for this great work be supported by our means.

R. N. Davis,  
J. E. Pearce,  
S. B. Randall.

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's work was represented by T. W. Green, who submitted the report and introduced an interesting discussion, followed by Miss Fannie Traylor, Young People's Secretary of the State W. M. U., who delivered before the Association a most helpful and inspiring short address. On motion the report, as follows, was adopted.

It will be well for us to keep in mind that the work of the Woman's Missionary Union includes the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies, the Young Women's Auxiliaries, the Girls' Auxiliaries, the Royal Ambassadors, and the Sunbeams.

The number of these organizations within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention is as follows: Sunbeam Bands, 3,624; Royal Ambassadors, 566; Girls' Auxiliaries, 531; Young Women's Auxiliaries, 1,739; and Woman's Missionary Societies, 8,203. This makes a total of 14,663 organizations under the supervision of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are in Mississippi 95 Sunbeam Bands, 22 Royal Ambassador organi-

zations, 42 Girls' Auxiliaries, and 522 Woman's Missionary Societies. This makes a total of 777 organizations under the supervision of the W. M. U. of Mississippi. It is well for us to notice that 242 of this number are new organizations and with one exception is a greater number of new organizations than any other state of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are in Lebanon Association about 25 Woman's Missionary Societies.

The amount contributed by the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention to Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday School Board, Margaret Fund, Training School and Missionary boxes, is \$335,136.83. To this ought to be added \$81,706.94, which is the Jubilate gift of the W. M. U. This makes a total of \$416,843.77. According to the report made last November to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention the W. M. U. of Mississippi contributed to beneficent purposes \$38,088.48, and to home uses \$24,417.22, making a total of \$62,505.70. We wish to call attention to the fact that this amount was raised with an expenditure of only \$1,638, which is but a small fraction more than 2.6 per cent. The amount contributed by the W. M. U. of the Lebanon Association during this associational year is \$5,394.24, this being only a partial report of their work.

The aim of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention for this year is to raise outside of state work for all beneficent purposes \$321,310 in addition to \$98,000 for the Training School enlargement fund, making a total of \$419,310. The apportionment for the W. M. S. of Mississippi is \$17,300 for regular beneficent purposes outside of state work \$7,000 for the Training School enlargement fund. This makes a total for Mississippi of \$24,300.

T. W. Green,  
John W. Myrick,  
R. F. Blakeney.

During a short intermission a verse of "How Firm a Foundation" was sung.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

L. M. Lee, of Lumberton, offered the report and upon motion for adoption entered into a discussion of it, after which the Association voted upon the motion in the affirmative.

We, your committee, submit the following: Realizing that the boys and girls of today need to be taught the Bible and know what it contains and what it means to them.

We do not know of any better way to teach these children than through the Sunday school. The cry of today is for leaders, especially so among the B. Y. P. U. and teachers of the Sunday schools. Then we suggest that the superintendent of each and every Sunday school pick out such subjects as he thinks will make good leaders or teachers, and push them forward and help them in every way possible in order that they may become capable of doing work of this kind.

We are beginning to realize more and more that the religion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is a teaching religion and the one thing

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necessary is knowledge of the Bible.

We believe that impressions made upon a child, while young, is indelible, for that fact we urge each and every superintendent to enlist every boy and girl in the Sunday school work as far as it is possible for him to do, thereby building a foundation in their lives that will be everlasting and will prove a blessing to the world.

Let us see some facts and figures: Last year we had 1,508 Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi. Membership 160,000. Sunday schools 945, with an enrollment of 75,906. By these figures we readily see that there are 563 churches without Sunday schools.

We suggest that, if any church in this association have no Sunday school, such church should organize a Sunday school at once. You will find it helpful and beneficial to your church by so doing. We pray God's blessing on this work.

L. M. Lee.  
T. W. Davis,  
W. J. Pack.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. COMMITTEE.

The following report was read by E. G. Hightower, chairman of the special committee, appointed by the preceeding Association for the purpose of organizing an Associational Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention, and of visiting and organizing Sunday schools and B. Y. P. Us. in the Association. Following discussions by E. G. Hightower, M. P. L. Love and W. J. Hurst the report was adopted as read.

Your special committee on Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. beg leave to submit the following report:

A great step forward was taken when at the preceeding Association provision was made for the performance of the duties assigned to this committee. In the organization of the First Annual Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention of the Lebanon Association, which met in the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg on March 2nd and 3rd last, the Association launched a work which is destined to be far-reaching and very beneficial to the Kingdom's interests.

The convention was fairly well attended and a splendid program was carried through, with three of our state workers in attendance, J. E. Byrd, W. E. Holcomb and Miss Margaret Lackey.

Officers of the convention were elected as follows: M. P. L. Love, president; E. G. Hightower, secretary and treasurer; C. M. Morris, vice president. The Association was districted and a vice president elected for each district. An executive committee, also, representing all the interests of the churches was elected. The convention adjourned to meet on March 7th and 8th, 1917, with the Baptist Church at Sumrall.

The duty imposed upon the committee of organizing themselves has not been performed satisfactorily to itself, though several

efforts were made. Some good work, however, has been done by individual members of the committee. Nine Sunday schools have been visited, and two organized; and three B. Y. P. Us. were visited and one organized. This is a very great work for the Association to do, one the fruit of which would be made greatly to multiply in coming years if more systematic effort were made.

Your committee desires to make the following recommendations: That advertisement everywhere throughout the Association be given the Associational Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention to meet at Sumrall next year, and that the convention be heartily supported; that the Association delegate to the convention the responsibility of visiting, encouraging and organizing Sunday schools and B. Y. P. Us. within the territory of the Association; that the Association receive at each session an annual report from the convention, said report to be made by the President of the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Hightower,  
Claude Bennett,  
J. B. Salmond,  
S. C. Culpepper,  
M. W. Griffin,  
D. A. Hogan.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

A Polk read the Treasurer's report, which was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.  
Cash Collected previous to the Association of 1916----- \$359.95  
Expenditures previous to the Association of 1916----- \$359.95  
The following amounts received at this session of the Association:

For minutes, \$53.70; Colportage, \$10.00; State Missions, \$6.75; Foreign Missions, \$7.66; Home Missions, \$1.25; Orphanage, \$11.25; Total, \$90.61.

A. Polk, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Read by John T. Christian, and after a short discussion by him adopted by the Association.

Place of next meeting: Sumrall.

Time: 7:30 p. m. Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1917.

We request the W. M. U. to hold their meeting Tuesday, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

Sermon, J. A. Lee; Alternate, R. W. Thurman.

Executive Committee: John T. Christian, S. C. Culpepper, L. M. Lee, N. R. McCullough, C. M. Morris.

Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention: R. W. Thurman.

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Vice President of Home Board: E. E. Dudley.  
Vice President of Foreign Board: T. W. Green.  
Vice President State Missions: C. M. Morris.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Christian,  
L. M. Lee,  
John L. Johnson,  
S. C. Culpepper,  
C. M. Morris.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "A PROGRAM FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS."

The committee through E. E. Dudley reported in favor of the "Program" with slight amendments which was adopted as follows:

### A Program for Mississippi Baptists.

#### 1. What To Do:

In outlining a program for Mississippi Baptists, the first thing is to set a task. This can best be done perhaps by launching a five year program, containing the following items:

1. To meet all existing obligations on all denominational institutions, and clear the slate of debt.
2. To collect all outstanding subscriptions to endowment and building and repairs on denominational institutions.
3. To increase the circulation of The Baptist Record to fifteen thousand paid subscriptions.
4. To increase our mission contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions fifty per cent during the five years.
5. To perfect our Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U., Laymen and W. M. U. organizations in the State as now projected by the Convention Board.
6. To increase the membership of the churches of the State ten thousand per year, or fifty thousand for the five years.
7. To put on a financial system in all of our churches which will be adequate, economical, and effective in financing both local and denominational interests.
8. To work for and pray for a standard of righteous living in all of our churches, which will insure spiritual power.

#### 2. How To Do It:

In order to accomplish this task, it will be necessary to organize our forces as economically and efficiently as possible. We would, therefore, suggest:

1. That the State Convention adopt the budget system so that in the future we may proceed on a cash basis.
2. That the Convention appoint a committee of fifteen to be

known as the Budget Committee, which committee shall fix the buget of the year for the convention; this budgett to include all objects under the control and direction of the State Convention, including State, Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage, Christian Education, and any objects the convention may foster.

3. That this budget, after it is fixed by the Convention, be turned over to the Convention Board and that this Board be charged with the responsibility of devising such plans and putting into operation such forces as will insure the effective administration of denominational affairs in the State, and as will inform all of our people about all of our work, eliciting their co-operation and winning them to the support of each and every cause fostered by the Baptists of the State.
4. That this is not to interfere in any way with the rights of the Board of Trustees of any denominational enterprise now in existence, or that may be created in the future. That it shall only apply to the putting on the budget fixed by the Convention, and to the collecting of the amounts fixed in that budget for each denominational institution.
5. That this plan shall not be so constructed as to exclude special efforts for the endowment of schools and colleges and similar objects, or for meeting any emergency that may arise in any of the various departments of the State work; but that it does presuppose that all special movements, whether originating within or without the State, shall first be passed upon by the Budget Committee, recommended by that committee to the Convention and approved by the Convention before being launched in the State.
6. That the Convention Board shall be composed of 27 general representatives elected in the usual way through the Nominating Committee and one member from each association in the State, co-operating with the Convention. These associational members to be elected by the Convention through its Nominating Committee from the nominees made by the District Associations, each association nominating its own member of the Board, and bearing the expenses of its own member to the meetings of the Board.

Approved by,

E. E. Dudley,  
T. W. Green,  
J. L. Johnson.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Association adopted the report read by W. J. Hurst, as follows:

We, your committee, report as follows: Resolved, That we express our sincere, heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Immanuel Church, and the others of Hattiesburg for their courtesy

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and hospitable treatment in providing such pleasant and happy homes, as we have been entertained in. And further that we extend our thanks to Bro. M. P. L. Love for dispatching the business of the Association so efficiently and that we appreciate the spirit of harmony that has prevailed throughout the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Hurst,  
C. E. Purvis,  
R. W. Thurman.

T. J. Moore offered the following resolutions, which the Association adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this body be allowed \$25.00 for his services, and that he have printed and distributed such a number of copies of the Minutes of this session as will be needed.

Resolved further, That a synopsis of the proceedings of the W. M. U. session, held at this Association, be included in the Minutes.

#### CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR 1917.

J. N. McMillin, Foreign Missions; T. W. Green, Home Missions; J. A. Lee, State Missions; Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Woman's Work; E. E. Dudley, Denominational Education; J. B. Salmond, Layman's Work; Claude Bennett, Sunday Schools; W. J. Hurst, B. Y. P. U.; John T. Christian, Ministerial Education; N. R. McCullough, Aged Ministers' Relief; D. G. McGilvray, Temperance; R. W. Thurman, Orphanage; S. C. Culpepper, Baptist Hospitals.

E. E. Dudley offered the motion, which was carried, that sufficient space be allotted in the Minutes for the names of our members lost by death since the last Association.

A resolution presented by T. J. Moore was adopted, that we, the members of Lebanon Association pray for one another.

The Association adjourned to meet at Sumrall, Miss., at 7:30 p. m. on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in September, 1917, after which, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung, and T. W. Green led in a closing prayer.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING

The W. M. U. of the Lebanon Association held their twenty-second meeting with the Immanuel church of Hattiesburg, Miss., September 12, 1916.

The first session was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. B. S. Shinn, at 11 o'clock a. m. The meeting was opened by singing the Doxology. Mrs. Green conducted the devotional exercises; reading Rev. 3:7, 8.

A song, "Take Time to Be Holy," was sung by two college girls, Misses P'Pool and Batson.

Mrs. P'Pool then very cordially welcomed the visitors.

The Superintendent's address followed. Reports from societies

were called for and many good ones were made. The fact that quite a number of new societies had been organized, especially among the young people, was encouraging.

After another song by the college girls, and prayer by Mrs. A. Polk, the meeting adjourned to meet at 2:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was opened at 2:20 by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Thames, using the 91st Psalm.

Prayer by Mrs. Jones. Remaining reports were called for. The report of the Y. W. A. of the Woman's College was especially interesting and pleasing. A paper, "How to have a Wide Awake Union," was read by Mrs. Tynes.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson spoke of the needs of the Training School, also of the Foreign Missionary this Association is to support. The secretary's report was read.

The Superintendent's report was read next.

Mrs. Shinn spoke a few words of farewell, as the churches in her section are to form a new association.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. R. B. Stapleton, superintendent; Mrs. W. B. Glover, assistant superintendent; Mrs. J. S. Ellis, secretary.

Committee: Mrs. A. Polk, Mrs. B. M. Myers and Mrs. F. L. Busby.

Resolutions adopted.

Meeting adjourned with song and prayer.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

B. Y. P. U.

Churches	Superintendents	Secretaries	Postoffice	Pupils	Baptisms	Of'cers-Tch'rs	Expenses	Presidents	Postoffice
Baxterville	W. E. Granberry	W. T. Hough	Baxterville	58	7				
Big Level	T. H. Stanley	Allie Breland	Wiggins	119	11	4	\$ 1.25		
Bond	S. C. Gulpepper	F. E. Stison	Bond	140	15	12	33.92		
Brooklyn	H. O. French	Ern't Dunnivant	Brooklyn	90	6				
Eastabuchies		R. B. Gunn	Eastabuchie	51	6		15.00		
Hattiesburg, 1st	W. L. Pack	J. B. Walker	Hattiesburg	455	55		330.58	H. E. Trotter	Hattiesburg
" Main St.	M. P. L. Love	Ellis Hickman	Hattiesburg	433	33	36	156.43	Irma Bennett	Hattiesburg
" 5th Ave.	R. Evans	T. B. Geiger	Hattiesburg	136	11		45.80		
" Immanuel	C. Bennett	Sarah Dale	Hattiesburg	284	22			L. Eure	Hattiesburg
Helena	W. A. Robinson	Bertha Stadman	Jarnes	84	6	4	12.80		
Lucedale	M. P. Flurry	M. M. Griffin	Lucedale	136	8		58.78		
Lumberton	C. T. Carothers	David Freeman	Lumberton	140	11		27.56		
Perkinston									
Petal	D. W. Draughn	Louise Hunt	Hattiesburg	80	10		50.00		
Purvis	T. W. Davis	Anita Purvis	Purvis	127	10		18.00		
Red Creek Union	A. L. Flurry	Homer Flurry	Daisy	108	6		10.00	Earl Byrd	Vestry
Red Hill									
Richburg									
Sumrall	A. T. Schwartz	G. P. Parker	Clyde	250	15	11	77.99	G. P. Parker	Clyde
Wiggins	A. W. Bond	Vashti Bush	Wiggins	145	12		58.40		
Zion Hill	W. J. Pack	Henry Porter	Hattiesburg	67	7	3	8.49		
Total				2908	256	70	\$905.00		

# STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1

Churches	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Additions by					Loss by					Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home
					Baptism	Letter	Restorat'n	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Membership	Total	Death	Exclusion		
Baxterville	C. E. Barnette	Prentiss	R. J. Watts	Baxterville	7	4	1	1	1	93	93	150				
Big Level	R. N. Davis	Perkinston	L. S. Breeland	Wiggins	8	8	1	1	1	108	108	150				
Bond	R. W. Thurman	Bond	J. R. Davis	Bond	13	11	1	1	1	157	157	3530				
Brooklyn	R. W. Thurman		D. A. Heggen	Brooklyn	8	5	1	1	1	126	126	750				
Eastabuchie	R. G. Joiner	Eastabuchie	R. B. Gunn	Eastabuchie	33	65	4	54	4	857	45000	1000				
Hattiesburg, 1st	J. T. Christian	Hattiesburg	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	47	53	39	3	5	650	30000					
" Main St.	J. E. Dudley	Hattiesburg	A. V. Hays	Hattiesburg	11	25	14	1	1	274	4650					
" 5th Ave.	J. N. McMillin	Hattiesburg	T. B. Geiger	Hattiesburg	7	2	1	1	1	49	600					
Immanuel	T. W. Green	Hattiesburg	R. G. Anderson	Hattiesburg	11	2	1	1	1	252	1800	1000				
Lucedale	R. N. Davis	Perkinston	J. E. Ward	Carnes	7	2	1	1	1	167	4000					
Lumberton	J. A. Lee	Lumberton	J. B. Salmond	Lucedale	20	8	12	1	1	90	500					
Perkinston	R. W. Thurman	Bond	T. P. Watt	Perkinston	8	2	2	1	1	159	2000					
Petal	J. P. Culpepper	Poplarville	J. C. Herrod	Petal	2	14	13	1	1	243	4000					
Red Creek Union	W. J. Parker	Laurel	E. E. Thomas	Purvis	2	9	9	2	1	91	500					
Red Hill	C. M. Grayson	Magee	T. H. Pearce	Vestry	1	3	4	1	1	78	450					
Ridgely	C. M. Morris	Sumrall	S. S. Black	New Augusta	33	26	24	2	3	292	4000	1500				
Sumrall	O. N. Herrington	Wiggins	A. T. Schwartz	Hattiesburg	4	12	19	2	2	246	4000	1000				
Wiggins	R. W. Bryant	Hattiesburg	R. F. Blakney	Hattiesburg	5	11	3	1	1	111	1500					
Zion Hill																
Total					214	270	7247	526	1242	8107	480	84950				
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STATISTICAL No. 2														
Total	Other Objects	Sunday school Missions	B. Y. P. U.	Home Use -- W. M. U.	Minutes and Clerk	Hospitals	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	The Poor	Sunday school Expenses	Visiting Ministers
\$ 87.25	\$ 108.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 41.80	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.36	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 5.25	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.40
151.80	4.00	17.31	74.15	5.00	1.80	2.80	366.50	13.36	48.62	23.00	23.00	3.00	33.92	265.00
1,028.37	14.00	3.00	51.50	2.50	15.00	7.50	345.00	35.00	299.22	22.30	22.30	2.50	156.43	156.00
382.90	761.58	67.50	297.10	10.00	5.00	5.00	130.00	10.00	161.00	114.65	135.20	145.28	330.58	330.58
135.25	58.25	11.40	6.50	3.50	12.80	12.80	84.00	35.00	299.22	112.00	135.20	2.50	45.80	45.80
21,382.35	95.70	4.00	66.45	3.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	10.00	161.00	15.00	74.50	45.00	52.61	52.61
9,154.97	258.00	8.85	27.89	2.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	22.51	22.51	1.00	18.00	12.80	12.80
1,130.15	8.25	1.00	330.20	1.00	1.25	1.25	30.00	30.00	112.00	31.90	6.50	10.00	58.78	58.78
1,819.53	11.25	82.00	230.90	4.20	3.00	3.00	10.00	4.10	75.00	12.81	12.81	97.50	27.56	27.56
834.70	128.50	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
944.78	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
959.57	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
163.00	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
476.00	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
811.58	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
211.50	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
153.76	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
56.25	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
2,267.35	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
1,879.40	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
377.27	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56
44,457.78	11.25	11.25	103.06	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.10	3.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.56	27.56

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 to City Missions; \$25.00 to Associated Missions, and \$2.50 to Sunday School and Col these items included under Hattiesburg Main Street State Mission offering.  
 Attention is called to the fact of the early meeting of the Association this year, be the offerings for State Missions were in.

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Big Level	R. N. Davis	Perkinson	L. S. Breeland	Wiggins	8	8	1	9	1	1	108	108	150	150	150	
Bond	R. W. Thurman	Bond	J. R. Davis	Bond	13	11	5	12	1	1	157	157	3530	3530	3530	
Brooklyn	R. W. Thurman	Bond	D. A. Hogan	Brooklyn	8	5	4	7	1	2	126	126	750	750	750	
Eastabuchie	R. G. Joiner	Eastabuchie	R. B. Gunn	Eastabuchie	33	65	4	54	4	4	857	857	45000	45000	45000	
Hattiesburg, 1st	J. T. Christian	Hattiesburg	E. N. Pack	Hattiesburg	47	53	39	39	1	5	650	650	30000	30000	30000	
" Main St.	E. E. Dudley	Hattiesburg	A. V. Hays	Hattiesburg	11	25	14	14	1	1	274	274	4650	4650	4650	
" 5th Ave.	J. N. McMillin	Hattiesburg	T. B. Geiger	Hattiesburg	11	25	14	14	1	1	274	274	4650	4650	4650	
" Immanuel.	T. W. Green	Hattiesburg	R. G. Anderson	Hattiesburg	11	25	14	14	1	1	274	274	4650	4650	4650	
Helena	R. N. Davis	Perkinson	S. B. Randall	Carnes	7	2	1	1	1	1	49	49	600	600	600	
Lucedale	J. A. Lee	Lumberton	J. B. Ward	Lucedale	18	8	12	12	1	1	252	252	1800	1800	1800	
Lumberton	R. W. Thurman	Bond	F. P. Wyatt	Lumberton	20	2	2	2	1	1	167	167	4000	4000	4000	
Petal	J. P. Gullepper	Poplarville	J. C. Herrod	Petal	8	14	13	13	1	1	90	90	500	500	500	
Purvis	W. J. Parker	Laurel	C. E. Thomas	Purvis	2	2	2	2	2	2	243	243	4000	4000	4000	
Red Hill	C. M. Grayson	Magee	E. E. Flury	Vestry	7	3	4	4	1	1	91	91	500	500	500	
Richburg	C. M. Grayson	Magee	T. H. Pearce	New Augusta	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	78	450	450	450	
Sumrall	C. M. Morris	Sumrall	S. S. Black	Hattiesburg	33	26	2	24	2	3	292	292	4000	4000	4000	
Wiggins	O. N. Herrington	Wiggins	A. T. Schwarz	Wiggins	4	12	19	19	2	2	246	246	4000	4000	4000	
Zion Hill	R. W. Bryant	Hattiesburg	A. W. Bond	Hattiesburg	5	11	3	3	1	1	111	111	1500	1500	1500	
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Churches	No. Members	Ministerial Relief	Educational	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairing	The Poor	Hospitals	Training School Home Use	Other Objects	Orphanage	Total	For'n Miss'n's Orphanages Hospitals	Home Missions	State Missions	Training School	Home Use	Total
Laurel, 1st	79		\$ 8 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 29 15	\$ 108 65		\$ 75 00	\$ 25 00	3 00	\$ 16 67	5 00	\$ 190 47	\$ 20 50	\$ 3 00				\$ 24
Wiggins					7 50	7 50				144 10	13 30	5 00	262 40						
Laurel, K'gston	45		5 75	10 00	22 00	27 50		22 70	10 00	201 70	5 00	87 80	408 70	7 00	1 00			2 00	10
Sumrall	23	1 25		10 00	10 00	24 00				12 45	50	26 06	123 30						
Bond	10		35 00	5 00	14 50	46 50	230 50		10 00	194 07	9 00	29 45	559 52						849
Ellisville		7 50		18 00	25 00	27 50	250 00		5 00	109 20	69 32	10 00	503 52						
H'burg, M. St.		7 50			25 00	27 50	250 00			227 30	13 05	27 85	516 46	114 95	11 00	10 00	15 00	11 50	192
H'burg, 1st		8 00	142 00	16 85	25 18	56 23				152 81	14 49	61 35	1036 87	56 25	35 00	25 00	30 90	147	
H'burg, 5th A.	76		351 50	107 50	116 95	102 00		115 27	15 00	52 75		47 70	106 75	9 00	1 60		12 00	22	
Brooklyn	19				3 05	3 25		3 00		30 80			34 80						
Laurel, Wausa		1 00			1 00	1 00		1 00		19 50	12 85	5 05	44 30						
Lucedale	16	1 00	1 40	2 50	10 00	10 50		15 00		6 50		20 00	133 00						
total	268	26 50	553 65	262 85	263 33	429 63	480 50	236 97	75 00	1235 18	235 48	355 20	1148 54	237 70	52 10	35 00	15 00	56 40	1245
UNIONS										PRESIDENTS									
SECRETARIES										Y. W. As.									
POSTOFFICE										PRESIDENTS									
Laurel, 1st	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Mrs. Walter Beard	Laurel	Laurel, 1st	Mrs. Wallace Moore	Laurel	Laurel, 1st	Mrs. L. Roberts	Laurel	Mrs. B. D. Red	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Wiggins	Mrs. O. N. Herrington	Mrs. J. M. Hill	Wiggins	Wiggins	Mrs. R. N. Steadman	Wiggins	Wiggins	Mrs. R. N. Steadman	Wiggins	Mrs. R. N. Steadman	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Laurel, K'gston	Mrs. G. B. Montgomery	Mrs. Emma Iverson	Laurel	Laurel	Miss Mittie Mouis	Laurel	Laurel	Miss Mittie Mouis	Laurel	Miss Mittie Mouis	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Sumrall	Mrs. B. M. Myers	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Sumrall	Sumrall	Mrs. R. E. Busby	Sumrall	Sumrall	Mrs. R. E. Busby	Sumrall	Mrs. R. E. Busby	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Lumberton	Mrs. J. A. Lee	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Lumberton	Lumberton	Mrs. D. A. Hogan	Lumberton	Lumberton	Mrs. D. A. Hogan	Lumberton	Mrs. D. A. Hogan	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Bond	Mrs. F. L. Busby	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Bond	Bond	Mrs. J. O. Schilling	Bond	Bond	Mrs. J. O. Schilling	Bond	Mrs. J. O. Schilling	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Ellisville	Mrs. J. M. Arnold	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Ellisville	Ellisville	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Ellisville	Ellisville	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Ellisville	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
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H'burg, 5th A.	Mrs. J. W. Champlin	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	H'burg, 5th A.	H'burg, 5th A.	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg, 5th A.	H'burg, 5th A.	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg, 5th A.	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Brooklyn	Mrs. J. S. Ellis	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Brooklyn	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Laurel, Wausau	Mrs. M. C. Burkett	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Laurel, Wausau	Laurel, Wausau	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Laurel, Wausau	Laurel, Wausau	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Laurel, Wausau	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
Lucedale	Mrs. J. O. Schilling	Mrs. E. F. Roberts	Lucedale	Lucedale	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Lucedale	Lucedale	Mrs. E. V. McKay	Lucedale	Mrs. E. V. McKay	H'burg 5th Ave	H'burg M. St.	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st	Mrs. W. B. Glover	H'burg, 1st
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